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DEPT AV FOR STYLES

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: MEETING WITH GOP OFFICIALS

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1. AMBASSADOR HAD INFORMAL LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 13 WITH PRESIDENT OF AEROPERU MAJOR GEN. GUILLERMO BERCKEMEYER, DGTA COL. OLIVIERA, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS LUIS SOLARI AND JAIME ALVAREZ CALDERON. AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICIALS. PURPOSE OF LUNCHEON WAS TO HIGHLIGHT NEED FOR MUTUAL SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS IN VIEW OF RECENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED WITH REGARD TO BRANIFF AND AEROPERU SERVICES (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS). DURING THE COURSE OF THE LUNCHEON, AMBASSADOR MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. BOTH SIDES SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN ORDER TO AVOID OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS FROM DEVELOPING INTO MAJOR CRISES. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IF BOTH SIDES WOULD CONSULT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IF THEY FELT ANY PROBLEMS WERE DEVELOPING IN OUR CIVIL AVIATION PICTURE INSTEAD OF ALLOWING PROBLEMS TO RIDE UNTIL LAST

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MINUTE WHEN LACK OF TIME ITSELF AGGRAVATES THE SITUATION;

B. PERUVIANS ARE INVITED TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON MARCH 9 TO CONSULT WITH STYLES ON THE SEVERAL POINTS WHICH ARE STILL UNRESOLVED AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE UNDERSTANDING IN JULY 1975. IF SUCH A TRIP TO WASHINGTON WAS NOT POSSIBLE, STYLES COULD NOT VISIT LIMA BEFORE SECOND WEEK IN APRIL.

2. COL. OLIVERA AGREED TO CONSULT WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND TO REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING A TRIP TO WASHINGTON BY PERUVIAN GROUP TO DISCUSS PENDING PROBLEMS WITH STYLES. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL FEELING THAT AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION TO KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN AND DISCUSS EMERGING PROBLEMS ON A TIMELY BASIS WAS NECESSARY. IN THIS REGARD, GEN. BERCKEMEYER SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS BRANIFF COULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN HIGHLIGHTING POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WELL IN ADVANCE, AND IN SEEKING INFORMAL COUNSEL PRIOR TO MAKING FORMAL REQUESTS WHICH COULD NOT BE GRANTED. HE SAID THAT ALL DOORS WERE OPEN TO BRANIFF FOR TIMELY CONSULTATIONS TO PREVENT LAST-MINUTE CRISES.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND FRANK, PERUVIAN GROUP GAVE NO SPECIFIC INDICATION OF FLEXIBILITY ON PENDING PROBLEMS SUCH AS BLIND SECTOR FLIGHTS WITH MULTIPLE INTERMEDIATE STOPS (E.G., ORIGINAL BRANIFF 911). MEXICO CITY STOP FOR AEROPERU, AND THE PROBLEM OF THE ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS. BERCKEMEYER ALSO COMPLAINED REGARDING DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF NEW YORK PERMIT, BLAMING CAB FOR DELAY. U.S. GROUP EMPHASIZED THAT FOR THESE VERY REASONS IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO MEET IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN WAIT FOR STYLES' VISIT TO LIMA.  
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